

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mr. Daniel J. Jirón, Forest Supervisor Santa Fe National Forest 11 Forest Lane Sante Fe, NM 87508

Dear Mr. Jirón:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (CEQ) for Implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, has completed its review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Travel Management on the Santa Fe National Forest, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

EPA classified your DEIS and proposed action as "LO," i.e., EPA has "Lack of Objections". Our only comments on the DEIS is that EPA agrees that the removing of roads and trails from use would likely result in decreased levels of dust and vehicle emissions associated with visitor use. Although it would be only short tem, the Final EIS should also address if the rerouting and decommissioning of roads and trails would contribute to any secondary air quality impacts due to any decommissioning construction activities. Discussion on this comment should be addressed in the Final EIS.

Our classification will be published in the <u>Federal Register</u> according to our responsibility under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, to inform the public of our views on proposed Federal actions. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Jansky of my staff at 214-665-7451 or by e-mail at <u>jansky.michael@epa.gov</u> for assistance.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the DEIS. Please send our office one (1) copy of the FEIS at the same time that it is sent to the Office of Federal Activities (2251A), EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20044.

Sincerely yours.

Craig Weeks, Acting Chief

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Coordination (6EN-XP)